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Remembering Elise Williams Blackwell '58

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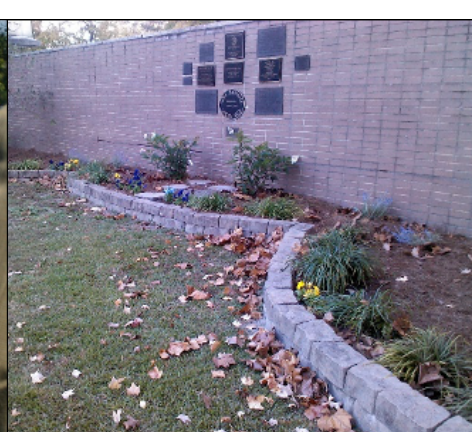


Mrs. Elise Williams Blackwell FMC '58 was a remarkable woman. She earned a B.A. in Bible and Christian Education at Flora Macdonald College. In the 1958 White Heather yearbook, she is described in the following words; *repertoire of jokes, rare concentration, bunny faces, after dinner conversations, eloquent, and reflective living*. She was not your average student. She was part of Zeta Theta Psi Society as a Marshall, Prayer Band as Leader, Choral Club, French Club, and Dance Committee, Mathematical Honor Society as Treasurer,

Christian Association Cabinet as Secretary, Organ Guild, and Student Council as VP.

Saturday, April 25, 2009, was the College Archives Relocation Grand Opening in the DeTamble Library. A special thanks was given to Elise for spearheading the project. When St. Andrews wanted to remodel the former Scottish Heritage Center for the archives, Elise led the way to raising the funds needed, over \$10,000. She encourage others to give, but not just their money, their treasured items from Flora Macdonald College. Elise continued to give to the project, from yearbooks to FMC plates to booklets from her college years. She touched many hearts over the years, including Mr. Thomas Waage, Library Resources Coordinator, who spoke very highly of her. "When I was thinking about Elise, I was drawn to this verse from Galatians: *"The Fruit of the Spirit is Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Generosity, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and self-control."* I believe most of us have some of these, but few have them all. Then there's Elise."

Elise and her husband, Bill, have worked tirelessly and given generously to St. Andrews for many years, and their FMC friends were set to surprise her with a celebration. Classmates Hazel McLean Hubbard and Barbara Wingate Choate were so excited to plan



the surprise. The Flora Macdonald Class of 1958 gathered by the FMC Garden Neuk to dedicate a tea olive in honor of Elise. "The small garden beside the Library, originally dedicated in 1990, includes original plaques from buildings at Flora Macdonald College." Elise took part in establishing the garden and maintaining it, making trips to plant new flowers and trees and doing most of the weeding herself.

St. Andrews is honored to have had such a generous and kind women like Mrs. Elise. Her legacy will never be forgotten at St. Andrews. The garden will continue to flourish and the archives will continue to grow simply because of the vision and commitment of Elise Williams Blackwell.

A Generous Donation from Alumni and Friends of St. Andrews



Six beautiful azaleas were donated and planted at the Liberal Arts building last week. A special thanks to those who decided to give back in helping make sure our campus stays beautiful, as well as those who delivered, and planted the trees.

Did you hear the news? Gravity Hill is Back!

The SAU Press announced that Gravity Hill is back! For those who don't know, Gravity Hill is the school's literary magazine. It went on hiatus while it went through a transitional period, but we are excited to promote its return for a Spring 2023 issue!

They are currently looking for submissions for the magazine. If you have any writing that you would like to submit for review, we highly encourage you to do so! It can be poetry, short fiction, short nonfiction, one-act plays, or even music that you have written yourself. Let your creativity flow! It can be something from class that you're proud of and would like to show off, or it can be something you've done in your free time.

They are also looking for art submissions. If you have a piece of art that you're proud of, just snap a picture of it and send the image in for review!

Upcoming Events



11.11.2022 | Friday Night Social and FOOD!

11.12.2022 | Tours, Tailgate, Football, and MORE!

Join us for a weekend of fun, football, fellowship. Visit www.sa.edu/alumni/ for more!

Register NOW!



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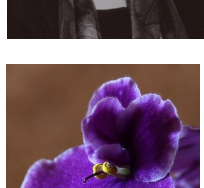
Alumni Weekend 2023

April 21-23, 2023

In Memoriam



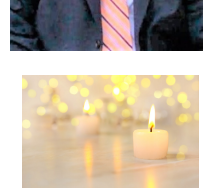
Betty Carolyn Minish passed on July 1, 2022.



Emily Williams Bass '58 passed on July 21, 2022.



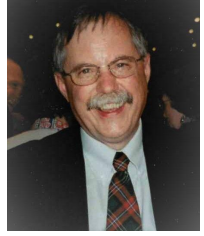
Roger Dale Hickson '93 passed on August 10, 2022.



Nancy Meekins Ferebee passed on August 16, 2022.



Elise Williams Blackwell '58 passed on September 30, 2022.



John Harrison "Jack" Hansel '66 passed on October 15, 2022.

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